

# Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Vacancy To Be Filled

Following the departure of Alan Lambert, who resigned from the Romulus Board of Education to assume the office of Mayor of the City of Romulus, the Board is now accepting applications to fill his vacancy.

"Applicants should prepare a one-page letter declaring their intent to be considered for the Board and explaining why they feel that they could make a positive contribution to the education of Romulus children," said district spokesperson Dick Kruse.

Applications must be submitted to Carole Bales, executive secretary, at the district's administrative office (36540 Grant Road) by noon on Tuesday, November 20.

### Do Xmas Shopping Early at Halecreek

Halecreek Elementary School is inviting the public to do some "home business" shopping the convenient way – by attending its Christmas Shopping Show on Friday, November 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. Companies represented at the show will include Amsoil, Avon, Christmas Around the World, Creative Memories, Home Interiors, Mary Kay, Partylite, Petra Lingerie, Tupperware, and Watkins Products, among others.

### Huron Gets Nativity

The Concerned Citizens Coalition of Huron Township is continuing its work to raise money to buy a Nativity scene for the community. With \$5,000 raised this year, the group purchased the Holy Family, three wise men, and two camels.

The wise men and camels will begin their journey through the Township on November 17. The Nativity will be set up at 19132 Huron River Drive on November 27. On December 2, the wise men and camels will join the Nativity, and a dedication service will be held at 5:30 p.m. There will also be a singing of hymns and a joining with the Township Recreation Commission for its tree-lighting.

Call 734-754-4135 for info. □

## Elected Officials Begin 4-year Term



Attending Tuesday's Inaugural Ceremony were (front, from left) Treasurer Pamela Morrison Kersey, Mayor Alan R. Lambert, and Clerk Linda Choate, as well as City Councilmen (beginning at back, from left) Randolph Gear, Deborah Romak, William Wadsworth, LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Charles Miller, and Michael Prybyla.

With the exception of one big change – challenger Alan Lambert's defeat of incumbent William Oakley in the mayoral race – Romulus voters pretty much upheld the status quo on Tuesday, November 6.

Clerk Linda Choate and Treasurer Pamela Morrison Kersey ran unopposed, and City Council returned almost entirely intact, with only incumbent Donald Morris replaced by Charles Miller.

Vote totals were as follows (note: a ★ indicates a winner):

### WCCC Millage Proposal (defeated in Romulus, but approved overall)

- ★ Yes: 1,104
- No: 2,920

### Mayor

- ★ Alan R. Lambert: 2,767
- William M. Oakley: 1,858

### Clerk

- ★ Linda R. Choate: 3,810

### Treasurer

- ★ Pamela Morrison Kersey: 3,705

### City Council

- ★ Randolph Gear: 2,945

- ★ Debbie Romak: 2,927
- ★ William J. Wadsworth: 2,705
- ★ LeRoy D. Burcroff: 2,198
- ★ William A. Crova: 2,049
- ★ Charles Ronald Miller: 1,813
- ★ Michael A. Prybyla: 1,799
- Michael L. Wojtylko: 1,753
- Wandra V. Raspberry: 1,579
- Donald R. Morris: 1,576
- Barry T. Baumann: 1,355
- Steven J. Lewkowicz: 1,093
- Christopher A. Walock: 718

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## WCRESA Superintendent Meets with Board

Dr. Marlene Davis, Superintendent of Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA), recently visited the Romulus school board to share ideas and strengthen connections.

Davis – accompanied by her assistant, Margaret Holcomb, and RESA Board member Ken Berlinn – told Romulus Board members that RESA has compiled information from surveys sent out last spring and used that information to develop plans that will better help each individual district within RESA's purview.

Davis also talked about her support of a \$62-million "special education" millage for the County next summer. She explained that costs have risen dramatically, forcing the County to "charge back" local districts for specialized programs and facilities that are provided to students with high-level disabilities. □



Dr. Marlene Davis (center), WCRESA Superintendent, recently visited the Romulus Board of Education with her assistant, Margaret Holcomb, and RESA Board member Ken Berlinn of Romulus.



## Letter to the Editor

*Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request only in exceptional cases where, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.*

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

### Seat-belt Use Up 9%

To the Editor:

The Romulus Police Explorers conducted a pre-enforcement seat-belt survey during the late-morning hours of October 13, 2001, by posting observers at selected intersections in Romulus and having them record data regarding seat-belt usage for the vehicles passing by. The survey results revealed that only 72% of the occupants were using their seat belts as required by State of Michigan law. This percentage is far below the State average, which has been announced as being in the upper-eighty-percentile range.

Between October 12 and October 28, the Romulus Police Department participated in the enforcement wave of

this grant-funded project. Officers targeted and enforced seat-belt violations and speeding violations on several selected roadways in the City between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. The enforcement results are listed below:

- 336 enforcement contacts were made in the City.
- 175 occupant-restraint violations were issued.
- 68 speeding violations were issued.
- 41 other moving violations were issued.
- 12 misdemeanor arrests were made.
- 2 felony arrests were made.
- 1 OUIL (operating under the influence of liquor) arrest was made.

During the early afternoon hours of November 1, Romulus High School's Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD) conducted a post-enforcement survey at selected intersections in Romulus. The survey results revealed that 81% of the occupants were using their seat belts as required by the State of Michigan. This reflected a 9% increase of seat-belt usage over the pre-enforcement survey performed on October 13.

Lieutenant James Rafalski  
Community/Neighborhood Bureau  
Romulus Police Department □

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Sincerely,  
William M. Oakley

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## MANY THANKS to the PEOPLE of ROMULUS for YOUR SUPPORT

I would like to express my appreciation to the people of Romulus for the support they have given me in recent months. I am honored by your faith in me, and pledge to live up to that faith in the years to come.

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## Familiar Face Returns to City

By Rikki Strobos

After a hiatus of several years, Dr. Daniel Elwart has returned to Romulus to resume his practice of chiropractic therapy, joining his sister, Dr. Linda M. Atkinson, at the Atkinson Chiropractic Center.

"It's good to be back," said Elwart, who previously practiced in this area for almost 20 years. "We like it here. Romulus is our heritage."

"Our father, Dr. Ray Elwart (now deceased), brought Chiropractic to Romulus in 1963," he continued. "I worked for him for many years in the Romulus Chiropractic Clinic on Huron River Drive. We have been practicing in this area for so long that, in some families, we have treated as many as four generations of patients. It is an honor to continue the legacy our father gave us . . . working together to help sick people get well naturally."

Elwart says that, since the passing of his father and his wife, Dolly, he has rededicated himself to helping eliminate some of the pain and suffering that others are experiencing.

"Our father taught us to treat our patients as we would our own family, and that is what we try to do," Elwart explained. "Family is important to us, and we know, firsthand, that if one family member suffers, they all suffer."

"Dr. Atkinson and I are both highly dedicated to helping sick people get well. We still enjoy seeing a patient respond to Chiropractic care after trying other methods."

According to Elwart, Chiropractic is the largest drugless healing profession in the United States. It puts nothing in your body, nor takes anything out.

"We have seen wonderful results through the years," he added.

Besides experienced staff members like Chiropractic Assistants Birdie Hicks, Sher Elwart, and Joy Elwart, the Atkinson clinic also features superior equipment, noted Elwart. The recently installed HCM1 100 kHz high-frequency radiographic generator is one example.



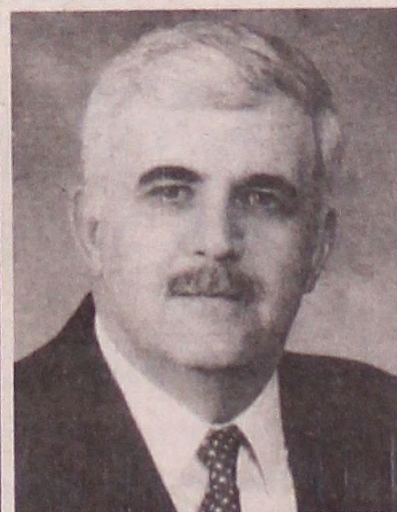
Dr. Dan Elwart

"This x-ray machine produces the highest image quality with the lowest patient dose," he stated. "We are privileged to have this state-of-the-art piece of equipment. It allows us to take more accurate films with less possible movement on the part of the patient. With the reduction in exposure, we are able to get the information we need in less time than with older, commonly used machines."

Elwart, who was born in Ann Arbor, graduated as a Doctor of Chiropractic from the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, in 1971. Currently, the 53-year-old father of nine (one deceased, five married, five in college) and "grandfather of nine and a half" (as he smilingly describes himself) resides in Dearborn Heights with daughters Sher and Joy.

The Atkinson Chiropractic Center – located at 9231 South Wayne Road, one-quarter mile north of I-94 – is open from 9 a.m. to noon and 3 to 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, please call the clinic at 734-941-2211. □



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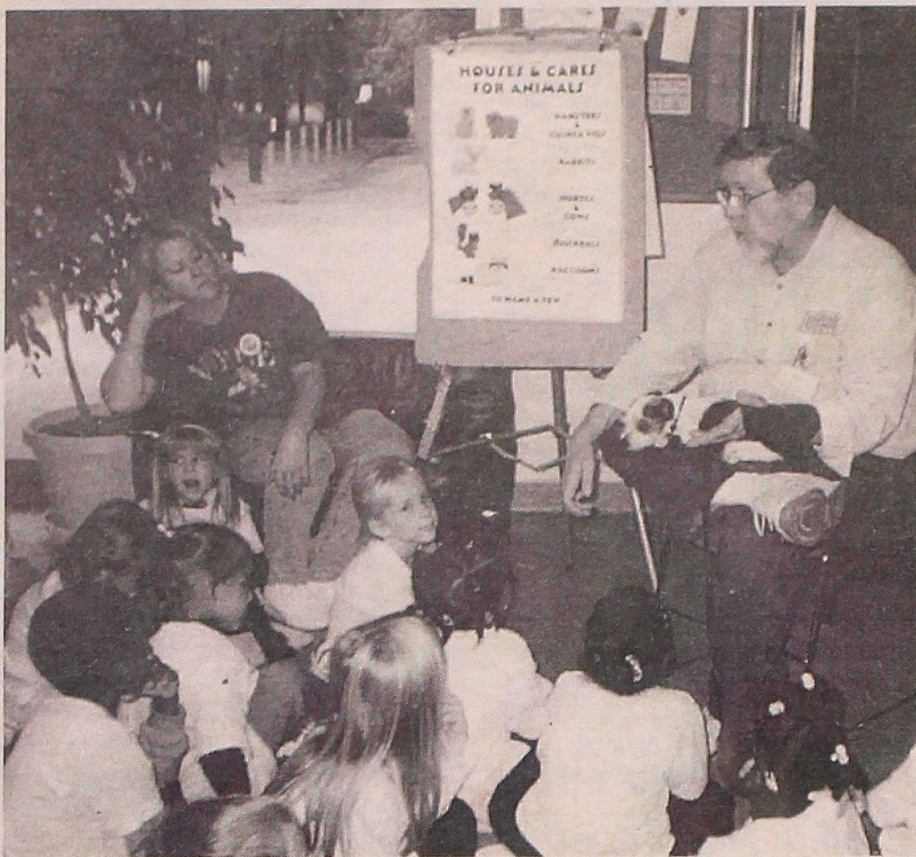
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## Halecreek's Kindergartners Take Part in Service Learning



Ron Blauet, Education Director for the Michigan Humane Society, talks with Halecreek's kindergartners about the needs and care of pets.

The kindergarten classes at Halecreek Elementary School have adopted the Westland branch of the Michigan Humane Society as their community service project for this school year. The children collect and donate pet foods and products that the Humane Society needs to care for the animals at the shelter. The students also have a "doggie bank" in their classrooms for the collection of monetary donations.

Ron Blauet, Education Director for the Michigan Humane Society, visited the kindergartners early in the school year. He discussed the care and needs of animals, as well as the responsibility of pet owners to their pets. He told the children about the Humane Society and the work they do to help take care of, and find homes for, animals.

During the week of September 17, the kindergarten classes took a field trip to the Humane Society's Westland branch and delivered their first installment of items that they had collected for the animals at the shelter. Blauet introduced the children to the many animals available for adoption. The children also visited the veterinary clinic, where they saw sick animals being cared for and several dogs being prepared for surgery. Animal health care was discussed, as well as the jobs of a veterinarian and various veterinary staff members.

"This service-learning project has helped our students learn and understand their responsibilities to their pets," said teacher Cathy Kudra. "They are also learning that they can contribute to making their community a better place."



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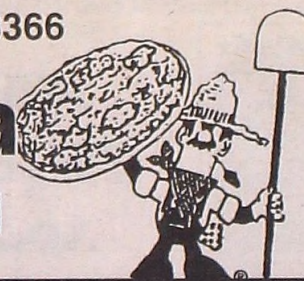
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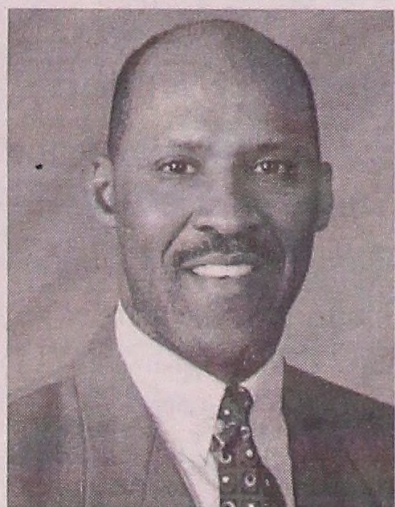
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# Around the District



Elementary All-stars at Band-a-Rama included (from left) Kayla Dizney (Barth), Alise Whalen (Merriman), Brittany Charleston (Halecreek), Brad Burcroff (Wick), Melanie Heims (Romulus), and Kyle Sherwood (Cory). Elementary students were directed by Linda Maich and Christine Raney.



Mr. Legg's sixth-grade class at Wick Elementary had the rewarding task of packaging and distributing supplies such as dictionaries, pencils, pens, markers, crayons, paint, chalk, folders, notebooks, and flash cards that were donated to the school by Westcorp of Ypsilanti.



Raking leaves for seniors on "Make a Difference Day" were Romulus High School's (from left) Debra Fox, Crystal Camis, Taritonye Burutolu, Katie Bolus, Amanda Brewington, Chanel Greer, Nicole McMurdy, Shera Williams, VISTA coordinator Brandon Hicks, and Chrystal Blair.



At Wick Elementary, "Make a Difference Day" featured litter pickup and botanical garden weeding by (from left) Stacie Alguire, Latrice Parnell, fifth-grade teacher Tom Gibb-Randall, Tina Carter, Quinn Nash, Makayla Williams, Larry Horne, and Chris Fultz.



Taking part in Halecreek Elementary's "Donuts for Dads" program were (from left) Milton Garrison and his son Malik; resource teacher Kendra Akers; fifth-grade teacher Kristen Fuss; and Melvin Myers with his daughters Ynesha and Sanford.



Among those attending the "Donuts for Dads" celebration at Merriman Elementary were (from left): front row - Kasandra Coatsworth, Alesha Howington, and Joey and Jessica Coatsworth; back row - grandparents Gene and Karen Polak and dad Mike Coatsworth.



## Community Calendar

- **Attention, All St. Aloysius Alumni!** St. Aloysius school is compiling a list of all former students for future reunion plans. Anyone who attended school there is asked to contact the school office (734-941-3340) for more information, or to obtain a form to complete and return.
- **Recreation Programs** – Late registrations are still being accepted for many fall/winter programs – including dance (ballet, jazz, and tap), clogging, gymnastics, karate, and youth indoor track – offered by the City of Romulus Recreation Department. For information, call 734-942-6852.
- **Community Thanksgiving Service** – The Romulus Ministerial Association is inviting everyone to attend its Community Thanksgiving Service, to be held at the Romulus Wesleyan Church (located at 37300 Goddard Road, at Five Points) on Friday, November 16, at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Reverend Steve Adams.
- **Youtheatre Offers *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*** – Youtheatre's Movin' Up Club (for children age seven and over) will present *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* on Saturday, November 17 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, November 18 (2 p.m.), at the Millennium Centre (15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield). Individual tickets are \$8 when purchased in advance; \$10 at the door. Group discounts are available. For more information, please call 248-557-PLAY (7529).
- **St. Aloysius Youth Groups Welcomes New Members** – The St. Aloysius Youth Group – open to all area residents ages six through teens (most activities divided into junior and senior groups) – invites interested young people to attend its next meeting, to be held in the Church basement on Sunday, November 18, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The group meets at least twice monthly to have fun socializing, performing community-service work, and exploring and building relationships with God and fellow members. Special activities throughout the year include white-water rafting, attending weekend retreats, and taking part in games such as laser tag, six flags, glow bowling, and more. Community-service projects include the March of Dimes Walk America and Crop Walk, among others. For information, call Julie Wadsworth at 734-941-3340 any weekday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- **Romulus Democratic Club** – The Romulus Democratic Club will meet at the UAW Union Hall, Local #157 (29841 Van Born Road) at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 19. Pizza and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Jack H. Trumble, Club President, at 734-941-3513.
- **Thanksgiving Service** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (New Boston) is hosting a Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 21, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- **Peter Pan** – The Downriver Youth Performing Arts Center will present *Peter Pan: Flying by Foy* – a musical based on the play by James M. Basrie – at the Woodhaven High School Auditorium (24787 Van Horn Road, east of Telegraph) on Friday, November 30 (7 p.m.); Saturday, December 1 (1 and 7 p.m.); Friday, December 7 (7 p.m.); and Saturday, December 8 (1 and 7 p.m.). For information or tickets (\$8 for adults; \$6 for students/senior citizens), call 734-283-2233.
- **Christmas Tree Trim at the Library** – Residents of all ages are invited to take part in a Christmas Tree Trim/Ornament-making Party to be held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 1. Although there is no charge to participate, advance registration is required. Call 734-942-7589.
- **PWP Hosts "Deck the Halls" Dance** – Downriver Chapter 369 of Parents Without Partners invites single parents to attend its "Deck the Halls" Dance, to be held at the Taylor Moose (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard) on Friday, December 14, from 9 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. Cash bar. DJ: Sound Spectrum. Cost is \$5 for members; \$7 for nonmembers. For more information, call the Chapter Hotline (313-388-8488).
- **"Person of the Year" Nominees Sought** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its annual "Person of the Year" award. Anyone who has made a significant contribution to the community is eligible. Nomination forms may be obtained by calling the Chamber office (734-326-4290). Deadline for return is January 1, 2002.

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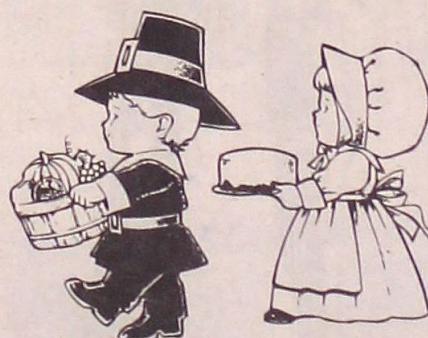
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# Schools' Halloween



The Halloween Parade at Halecreek Elementary included more than 400 students and parent volunteers . . .



. . . as well as the Romulus Middle School Marching Band, which led the parade at Halecreek.



Parent volunteers and kindergartners from the classes of Cathy Kudra and Phyllis Williams also took part in the Halecreek parade.



Students at the new Romulus Elementary School participated in their first annual Halloween Parade.



Bus driver Kim Wells "broomed" all the "troublemakers" off her bus on October 31.



Also in costume were (from left) Kim Partin, Eleanor Rozdoske, Jenny Prater, Cindy Coak, Joann Prater, Shirley Tenney, and Marlene Spitzza.



## "Learning Buddies" Program Begins at Halecreek School



Tiffany Conradson reads to her Buddy, Katelyn Chapman.

Sixth-graders at Halecreek Elementary are working with their school's kindergartners for one-half hour each week as part of a "Learning Buddies" program to help reinforce basic reading strategies as well as listening and comprehension skills, reports teacher Cathy Kudra. This is done, she says, through reading, special activities, and sharing ideas and experiences.

"The sixth-grade students benefit from the opportunity to practice and strengthen their oral reading skills and review good reading practices as they share this experience with the kindergarten children," Kudra explained. "They feel good about helping their 'Buddy' each week."

The Learning Buddies program is a school service project in which the oldest children help the youngest children. It is one example of how the school is fostering a "community of learners" who help and care about each other.

Both groups of students seem to look forward to this time that they share.

"My Book Buddy is Katelyn Chapman," said Tiffany Conradson, a student from Ms. Sims' sixth-grade class. "I like the way she listens to the stories I am reading. She's nice and fun to read to."

Katelyn, in return, said, "I like my Book Buddy because she's nice and she reads lots of books to me."

Jessica Hubert, a sixth-grader in Mrs. Mason's class, stated, "My Book Buddy is Jessica New. She likes to read and she is very smart. It is fun to read to her."

And kindergartner Taylor Cobb noted, "I like it when my Book Buddy reads to me. She reads to me about stuff that you see." □



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### REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 22, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, October 22, 2001, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Alan R. Lambert.

Roll call showed member Billy McCraight absent. All administrators were present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lambert.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

10/01/10 Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

10/01/11 Moved by Dick supported by Buckley to approve the Minutes of October 8, 2001, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### WCRESA - Superintendent Marlene Davis

Marlene Davis, Superintendent of RESA; Margaret Holcomb, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; and Kenneth Berlenn, RESA School Board Member, appeared before the Board of Education to discuss plans and goals for the 2001-2002 school year and the Special Education Millage proposal.

##### Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions.

EMPLOYMENT (FYI): Jerilynn Burcroff, Kindergarten Aide, Wick Elementary School, Effective October 8, 2001; Coleen Coleman, Kindergarten Aide, Merriman Elementary School, Effective October 23, 2001; and Abbie Whitehead, Accounts Payable Clerk, Board of Education, Effective November 12, 2001.

TERMINATION (FYI): Lori King, Bus Aide, Transportation, Effective October 5, 2001.

##### Bills for Payment

10/01/12 Moved by Dick supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Technology and Learning Committee Presentation

Linda Cook, Chris Smith, Gayle Perkins, Molly McGlynn, and Diane Golka presented an overview of utilizing technology in the classroom.

##### Pay Adjustment - Tech Aides, Preschool, and Co-ops

10/01/13 Moved by Lenossi supported by Dick that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, to approve an increase for nonunion hourly staff for the 2001-2002 school year as attached. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Surplus Equipment - City Auction

10/01/14 Moved by Dick supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education declare surplus the attached November 3, 2001 listing of furniture and equipment as provided by the Maintenance Supervisor. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Romulus Middle School Baseball Field Dewater Proposal

10/01/15 Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer that the Board of Education approve an estimated cost to dewater the baseball field for a sum not to exceed \$60,000. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Rick LaPorte, parent from Barth Elementary, addressed the Board regarding school lunches.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: (1) Medicaid Fee for Service Letter; (2) Head Start Invitation; (3) NASB Presentation; (4) Finance Minutes; (5) NCREL Seminar Invitation; and (6) ASCD Grade-level Teacher Assessments Presentation - Texas.

#### QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Debbie Dick shared with the Board that Dan Stern has been named Coach of the Year for Tennis; the seventh-grade Girls' Basketball program is currently 10-0; and Roger Chapman is the #1 Mega Division Champ in Golf. Mrs. Dick questioned the direction of RESA and the 1.5-mill Special Education proposal, and also questioned sponsorship of RESA for several charter schools. Mrs. Dick further questioned the cost to the district for presenting at the National School Board convention. Mrs. Dick stated that the Board of Education Policy Bylaws should be reviewed by the Board for its next meeting.

Michael Woods questioned eligibility guidelines for athletes and the reason for Wick's decrease in MEAP scores.

At 7:50 p.m., members Lambert and Frayer were excused.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

10/01/16 Moved by Lenossi supported by Buckley that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Billy McCraight, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



# School Dedication



Joel R. Carr (center), Superintendent, welcomed many guests at the Romulus Elementary School dedication, including Alan Lambert (left), then-President of the Board of Education, and then-Mayor William Oakley.



Among those who enjoyed the post-ceremony brunch with Superintendent Carr were (from left) Gordon Silvey, Ron Hopson, then-Mayor Oakley, and Mary Oakley.



Also among the guests were (from left): Lynn Webb (secretary, Romulus Middle School), Mel Kimbrough (Principal, Romulus Middle School), David Fischer (representative, Kingscott Associates, project architects), Don Foley (Assistant Principal, Romulus High School), Linda Cook (Director of Technology, Romulus Community Schools), and Dan Hurst (Principal, Romulus High School).



Other guests (from left): Cathy Coleman (secretary, Romulus Elementary), Ellen Bragg (receptionist, district administrative office), Pearl Varner (President, Romulus Historical Society), Roxanne Kucharski (media tech, Romulus Elementary), Mary Blackburn (President, WCRESA Board), Elsie Babcock (science coordinator, WCRESA), Randy Gear (Chairman, Romulus City Council), and Ken Berlinn (member, WCRESA Board).



Yet another special guest welcomed by Carr and his executive secretary, Carole Bales (left), was former Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally, who lives near the new school.



Lynne Mossoian (right), Principal of Romulus Elementary, and Andrea Pierzynowski, Pine Woods Village Apartments, showed off the group photo that was given to each student as a memento of the dedication.



## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins downtown, please call 734-942-6852.)

### Those Losing Medicare Urged To Seek Help from MMAP

More than 31,000 people – mainly in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Ingham counties – recently lost their Medicare managed care coverage when several HMOs stopped offering it (effective in 2002) because reimbursement from the federal government has not kept pace with increased costs, reports AARP Michigan. All other HMOs in the state have stopped accepting new enrollment.

M-Care dropped 8,729 people from its Medicare+ Choice program in Macomb and Oakland counties, and has capped its current enrollment at 14,700.

And Blue Care Network is discontinuing its Medicare+ Choice program – which has 16,940 members in 15 counties – after December 31. However, the company is developing a Medicare complementary product that will allow members to purchase a limited drug benefit. Initial enrollment will be limited to Blue Care's former Medicare+ Choice members.

In response to these developments, AARP Michigan is urging enrollees losing their Medicare+ Choice health insurance coverage to seek assistance through the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program.

MMAP can provide individualized assistance from helpful persons (as opposed to computerized voice-mail programs). Counselors are available in every area of the state, and offer this no-cost service within 24 hours of a call to their toll-free number: 800-803-7174.

It is important to note that enrollees losing their Medicare+ Choice coverage are fully protected. All companies that write Medicare coverage must accept former Medicare+ Choice members, and must offer supplemental coverage at additional cost to the member. Prescription drug coverage may be available at additional cost. People affected by the pullouts can join another Medicare HMO (if it accepts new members), or get health benefits through the traditional or fee-for-service Medicare.

In order to enroll in another Medicare health plan, the person must be entitled to both Medicare Part A (hospitalization) and Part B (medical) coverage, and live in the managed care plan's service area.

All persons 65 and older are eligible for Medicare, but the private managed care "+ Choice" programs offered additional services such as prescription drug coverage in exchange for a patient's acceptance of service from the HMO's roster of medical practitioners.

The departure of a Medicare health plan from a market may mean significantly higher out-of-pocket health-care costs for many beneficiaries who relied upon obtaining prescription drug coverage and lower health-care costs because of cost-sharing with other plan members.

People with questions can call the AARP Michigan office at 517-482-2772.

### 2001 Holiday Gala

The Romulus Senior Center's annual Holiday Gala will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel on Wednesday, December 26, beginning at noon. Since seating is limited for this popular event, early sign-up is strongly recommended.

### Pot Luck

The Senior Center will host its annual Thanksgiving pot luck on Friday, November 30, beginning at 1 p.m. The Center will prepare the turkey, dressing, gravy, and beverages, while students from Romulus Middle School will provide the desserts. Please notify the Center of the dish you plan to bring when you sign up. Cost is \$2.50, or \$6 for those who do not wish to cook.

### Line Dance Classes

Starting November 19 and continuing each Monday at 9 a.m., a beginners' level line-dance class will be offered at the Senior Center. Cost will be \$2 per lesson. Sign up now and learn to line dance in time for the Holiday Gala.

### Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, November 19, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center for an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

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## City Elected Officials Begin 4-year Terms

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Note that Gear, with the highest vote total, will again be the Council Chairman/Mayor Pro Tem. Romak, as the Councilperson with the second-most votes, is Chairman Pro Tem.

A total of 4,666 votes were cast.

Because the Romulus City Charter stipulates that the terms of all elected officials shall commence at 12:01 p.m. on the Monday following their election, the City usually holds its inaugural ceremony on that day. However, since November 12 was a holiday, elected officials were sworn in at City Hall on Friday, November 9, then took their oaths a second time before 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks-Green in a public inaugural ceremony held at City Hall on Tuesday, November 13.

Before Lambert could be sworn in he had to resign his position as presi-

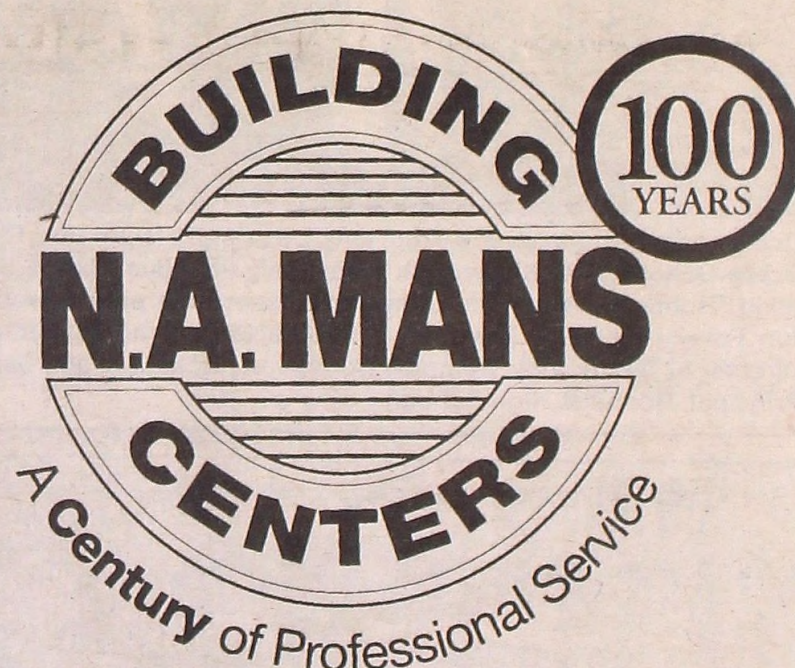
dent of the Romulus Board of Education and also had to take a leave of absence from his job as a Romulus police officer. (His leave was approved by a resolution of the City Council at the November 13 Council meeting.)

Now that he has assumed office, Mayor Lambert says he is already pursuing plans to bring his campaign promises to fruition.

"The campaign is over now, and I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and go to work," he stated. "Top on my priority list is the return of a supermarket. Other key issues are bringing retail to town and investigating recreation alternatives."

In closing, he added, "Most of all, I want to thank all the citizens for putting their trust in me. I'm looking forward to a very productive four years of working with the City Council and the residents of Romulus." □

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## Engagement

### Michael Hatfield and Stacey Luczak

Rick Luczak and Bonnie Frontiera (of Romulus and Redford, respectively) are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Luczak, to Michael Hatfield, the son of Jesse and Beverly Hatfield of Romulus.

The couple became engaged on Sunday, October 21, 2001, and plan to marry on Saturday, July 20, 2002, in a ceremony to be held at Saint Paul Presbyterian Church (Livonia).

Standing up with Michael will be best men Jeff Hatfield and Steve Hatfield (brothers of the groom).

Stacey will be attended by her maid of honor, Jaime Fernley (sister of the bride).

A reception will be held at Burton



Stacey and Michael.

Manor (Livonia) immediately following the ceremony. □

## Obituary

### Walter Greig Cunningham

Walter Greig Cunningham of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, October 31, 2001. He was 49 years old.

Anative of Dearborn, Michigan, Walt was born on March 25, 1952. He worked at General Motors' Hamtramck plant for 31 years.

Walt is survived by two brothers, Ernest and Edward Cunningham; four sisters, Barbara (Al) Gibson, Mary (Sam)

Angilere, Darlene (Jim) Brown, and Phyllis (Anthony) Cholette; and 25 nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Monday, November 5, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend Carl Swanger (Ball Road Tabernacle, Romulus) officiating. Cremation arrangements were made by All Society Cremation Service. □

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